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SHOT THROUGH BRAIN

J. Elliott Walker Sheriff of Maricopa County Takes His Own Life—Dependency the Cause.

Sheriff J. Elliott Walker shot himself twice about 8 o'clock Wednesday morning, December 19, at Phoenix inflicting wounds from which he died instantly. Temporary insanity brought on by disappointment in politics and financial reverses is given as the cause for Walker's act.

Walker was to have that morning rendered an account to the board of supervisors for the collection of \$3,000 in license money. In this amount he was short \$1,200, which is more than covered by his quarterly account with the county and his bondsmen will lose nothing. During the past two months Walker has acted queerly at times, his actions being such as to alarm his friends. This morning Walker rose about 8 o'clock after being ill in bed all day Tuesday, and went outside to the toilet. His wife heard two shots shortly after, and on investigation found him dead.

Walker first fired a bullet into his chin, which came out his left eye, and then another into his right temple, the ball emerging from the top of his head. Death came instantly after the second shot.

Walker's bondsmen conferred with the supervisors and asked that Under-sheriff W. W. Cunningham be appointed to fill out the unexpired term, which was done.

Walker worried much recently over the Williams robbery, in which \$1,175 was taken from a valise in the sheriff's office.

It seemed to hurt his pride and to think that some people might suspect him of taking part in the robbery.

The coroner's jury rendered a verdict to the effect that deceased died from a gunshot wound inflicted while temporarily insane.

Installation of Officers

Saturday evening, Grand Canyon Chapter No. 4, Order of Eastern Star and Flagstaff Lodge No. 7 F. & A. M. installed their officers for the ensuing year. After the installation refreshments were served.

The following officers were installed by Flagstaff Lodge No. 7 F. & A. M.:

Nelson G. Layton, Worshipful Master; Richard F. Rongberg, Senior Warden; Edward F. Kapanke, Junior Warden; Milton I. Powers, Treasurer; Edwin S. Miller, Secretary; Charles A. Haffly, Senior Deacon; Joseph Blumberg, Junior Warden; William H. Anderson, Chaplain; Et Gielas, Senior Steward; Thomas E. Pulliam, Junior Steward; George C. Morse, Marshal; Joseph R. Treat, Tyler; Frederick W. Perkins, Trustee.

The following were installed as officers of the O. E. S.:

Mrs. Jennie Bayles, Worthy Matron; Mr. Edward F. Kapanke, Worthy Patron; Miss May Perkins, Associate Matron; Mrs. Ida Cameron, Conductress; Mrs. Bertha Kapanke, Associate Conductress; Mrs. Mary Mayflower, Secretary; Miss Myrtle Smyser, Treasurer; Mrs. Susie Morse, Chaplain; Mrs. Ida Lamport, Marshal; Mrs. Mary Haskins, Ada; Mrs. Clara Treat, Ruth; Mrs. Amy Campbell, Esther; Mrs. May Stein, Martha; Mrs. Eva Kidd, Electra; Mrs. Cora Metz, Warden; Mr. Frederick Perkins, Sentinel; Miss Phena Perkins, Organist.

Colorado River Break

Contrary to an impression that has gained currency, the repair work of the Southern Pacific company to the levees along the Colorado below Yuma is to be in the most permanent manner possible and not merely temporary.

There are about twenty miles of levee along the river on the California side beginning at a point midway between Yuma and the intake and extending some distance below the Imperial intake. The break in this levee below the intake is what first caused the latest trouble and it came about through the undermining of the levee which is a comparatively loose embankment. Superintendent Randolph said today that it was the purpose of the company to brace the levee in the most permanent manner possible against a recurrence of the late trouble.

C. K. Clark, formerly engineer and maintenance of way for the Tucson division left Saturday for the intake where he will assist Superintendent Cory in the direction of the gigantic efforts of the railroad company to close the intake. A train left Yuma on Sunday for the intake carrying eight pile drivers, a lot of men and teams to reinforce the present strength of the working crews.

Happy New Year.

Local and Personal

Mrs. W. H. Power is on the sick list this week.

L. S. Drum is in from Stoneman Lake his week.

District Attorney Ashurst is in Prescott on legal business.

N. G. Layton of Williams spent several days here this week.

F. W. Volz, the Canyon Diablo merchant, spent Monday here.

R. L. Neill, forest ranger of Williams spent Christmas here.

Geo. Phillips, the printer on the Williams News was here Christmas.

S. S. Preston, the Indian trader at Tuba spent several days here this week.

M. J. Riordan returned Sunday from a business trip to San Francisco, Cal.

Dan McConville left Thursday for the Grand Canyon to work in the copper mines.

Mrs. C. S. Harrison, who has been quite ill for the past three weeks is improving.

Mrs. Peter B. Gates of Los Angeles arrived here Wednesday and will remain some time.

"Zeke" Newman made his mother a Christmas present of a handsome pair of Shetland ponies.

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Anderson accidentally fell from a chair on Saturday last and broke an arm.

W. C. Bayless, one of the sheepmen of Coconino county, came up from Cordes to spend the holidays with his family.

D. Wallace, who has been confined to his home with a gathering in his right ear for several weeks, is able to be around again.

Mr. and Mrs. Todd C. Woodworth spent Sunday and Monday here. They returned to Brownsville, Mohave county, Monday evening.

Miss Mary Riordan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Riordan, who has been attending school in California is spending the holidays with her parents.

J. S. Emmett and wife came in from Lees Ferry Monday. They brought in a wagon load of fine turkeys raised on their ranch. The birds bought \$2 each.

T. J. Coalter has tendered his resignation as member of Northern Arizona Normal school board to take place on the appointment of his successor by Gov. Kibbey.

Frank L. Beal and wife left Monday for Douglas. If they like that place they may conclude to remain there for awhile or they may locate in some other enterprising town in southern Arizona.

Fire in St. Joseph's Academy

About 2:30 a. m. Dec. 26 a fire was discovered in St. Joseph's Academy, a fine brick structure, located on the brow of the mesa which overlooks Prescott from the west. The fire, it appears, started in the northeast corner of a room in the southeast basement of the building. This room was known as the sewing room and the Courier is informed had been locked up since the morning before the fire and no one had been in it. Hence, the origin of the fire is a matter of conjecture and may have been caused by rats or mice igniting matches. As the fire was confined a dense smoke filled the room which spread to other parts of the building rapidly as firemen broke into the room. Never was the efficiency of Prescott's fire department more thoroughly demonstrated and heroic work saved the building as well as loss of life, and much of this heroic work was done by members of the department. One of the Sisters, who was quite sick when the fire first started, was reported to have been injured by the smoke, but this proved to be a mistake. The only person who appears to have suffered serious injury was Jack Armstrong, a young man whom it is stated rushed into the dense smoke and carried out two children, was rushing in the third time, was overcome and was dragged out unconscious, in which condition he was until noon yesterday.

Last evening he was better, but still has irrational spells. He lost a coat and an overcoat at the fire. These contain papers which he would like to have. He is being cared for at the residence of Adolph Moser, in South Prescott. There was \$5000 insurance on the building, but none on the furniture, much of which is ruined. The insurance will just about cover the loss on the building. The damage is said to be confined principally to five rooms.—Courier.

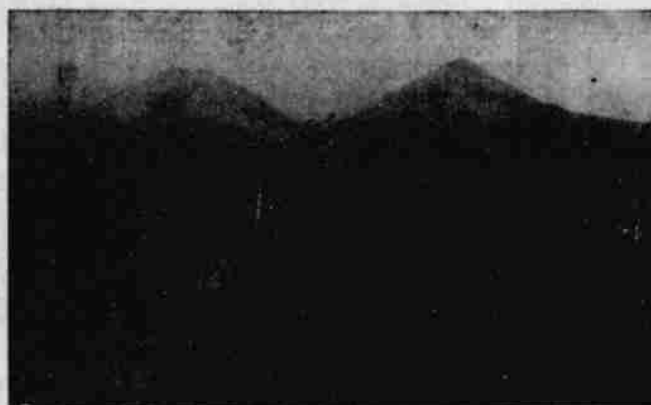
We were very much pleased to see the smiling countenance of Mr. "Chet" Black occupying his daily haunts at his desk in the city hall the past week. "Chet" is not entirely well but he manages to move around a little bit by the aid of crutches, and, it was necessary to use a vehicle in transporting him from his home to the city hall and back again. His injured leg is improving slowly and we sincerely hope he will soon be able to discard his crutches and be with us as of yore.

Work on Pipe Line

Work on the pipe line from here to the Greenlaw mill was commenced this week. The line is four and three-quarter miles long and the water main will be three-inch iron pipe. The work will be expensive as there will be considerable rock work in places along the line and it will be several weeks work to complete the line. The line must be put in before the mill can be started and work will be pushed.

H. H. Smith, of the Grand View hotel, was here Monday. Mr. Smith is also manager of the Hance Asbestos mines and the mines will be worked during the winter and during the next three months they expect to get out a carload of asbestos fiber of excellent quality.

Miss Mary Funston, who is teaching school at St. Johns, is spending the holiday vacation here.



COMING DOWN TRAIL
San Francisco Mountains, Flagstaff, Arizona

Death of Louis Hanson

Mr. Louis Hanson, an old and venerable resident of this city, who had been suffering for many a day with a pernicious intestinal malady, succumbed to the disease on Friday morning in a hospital at Los Angeles, Cal., where he had been taken a few days hence.

Mr. Hanson has resided in Flagstaff a number of years and those who were fortunate enough to make his acquaintance, held him in honor and esteem as a friend and companion. His daily route, as milkman, was illuminated by his genial disposition which helped to make life pleasant for his many friends.

Those who are left to mourn his loss are a wife, daughter and son, together with a host of friends. The family receive the heartfelt sympathy of this community in the gloomy days of their bereavement. For the lack of particulars we are unable to announce the day and date of the funeral.

Thomas Devine came up from Kingman Thursday and will remain until Monday to settle with the board of supervisors and turn the treasurer's office over to his successor.

Mrs. S. T. Elliot entertained Thursday in honor of Miss Parrott.

The infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Johnson died Sunday morning after a short illness.

S. F. Denison of the J. M. Dennis Lumber company, Rhoades, was a business visitor here Monday.

Miss Vera Greenlaw, who is attending the Normal school at Tempe is spending the holidays at home.

Mrs. Alvord, mother of A. S. Alvord, and Mrs. C. S. Harrison returned from Los Angeles this week.

Chas. Adams, the Williams constable, brought a Mexican to the county jail Thursday to serve a jail sentence.

F. H. Donahue, who has been visiting with L. S. Drum at Stoneman Lake for the past six weeks returned Saturday.

Willie Jones and sister Miss Zella who are teaching school at Woodruff are spending the holidays at home.

Mrs. C. A. Ketter, who has been spending several weeks visiting friends in Los Angeles returned Sunday night.

The masquerade ball given by the Cowboy's dancing club at McMillan hall Christmas night was one of the successful affairs of the season. The hall was crowded with merry maskers who enjoyed the dance until the morning hours.

George Morse came up from Del Rio to spend Christmas returning Wednesday. His sheep are ranging near that place and he is arranging to dip his sheep next week.

Mrs. A. L. Bawden and daughter of Williams, Ariz., (formerly of San Francisco, Cal.) are spending the holiday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Kinzie. Mrs. Bawden is a niece to Mr. Kenzie and they have not seen each other since they were children.

H. C. Hibben returned Thursday from a trip to Utah where he bought several thousand head of sheep which he drove to Arizona range. Mr. Hibben will remain until after the first of the year to turn the office of county recorder over to his successor.

The weather since Wednesday is that which delights the heart of the stockmen and insures water and grass in plenty for the coming year. It commenced to rain Wednesday and has either rained or snowed ever since. Rain has fallen all over California during the week. In Southern Arizona it has also rained and every thing points to a good season on the ranges for the stockmen for all that is needed is plenty of water and grass to make another good year for this great Arizona industry.